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## **Report on Essay Competition on Gender Sensitization**

The Essay Competition on Gender Sensitization, organized by Department of Business Administration, aimed to foster awareness and critical thinking on the multifaceted issue of gender equality. The event encouraged students to explore various aspects of gender sensitization through their writing. The competition provided an excellent platform for participants to reflect on important topics such as the role of education in gender sensitization, its impact on mental health, and the challenges faced in different cultural contexts.

The essays were evaluated by **Dr. Kalpana Vaidya**, an expert in gender studies, who brought in-depth knowledge and insight to the evaluation process. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students across various educational levels, each bringing their unique perspective to the chosen topics.

**Co-ordinated by:** Asst. Prof. Snehal Borkar

### **Topic of the Essay Competition:**

1. Role of Education in Gender Sensitization
2. Impact of Gender Sensitization on Mental Health
3. Cultural Barriers to Gender Sensitization
4. Gender Sensitization in Rural vs Urban Areas
5. Gender Sensitization at the Workplace

**Evaluated by:** Dr. Kalpana Vaidya

**Number of Participants:** 16 students

**Date of the competition:** 26-09-2024

### **Winners of the Essay Competition**

1. **First Prize:** Vidhi Kawad
2. **Second Prize:** Ayush Gandhi
3. **Third Prize:** Bhavika Shede



### **Other Notable Submissions**

While Vidhi, Ayush, and Bhavika earned the top prizes, numerous other participants also displayed exceptional insight and creativity in their essays. These essays tackled various themes like gender sensitization in urban versus rural contexts, the impact of gender biases in workplaces, and how gender norms shape mental health across different demographics.

All participants should be commended for their hard work, and their contributions have sparked meaningful discussions on the importance of gender sensitization across different spheres of society.

### **Evaluation by Dr. Kalpana Vaidya**

The judging panel, led by Dr. Kalpana Vaidya, praised the participants for their intellectual rigor and the originality of their ideas. Dr. Vaidya, with her extensive expertise in gender studies, offered valuable feedback on how gender sensitization can be better integrated into education systems, workplaces, and cultural norms.

Dr. Vaidya emphasized the importance of not only raising awareness about gender issues but also ensuring that actionable, realistic solutions are proposed. She also acknowledged the importance of platforms like this essay competition in nurturing a generation of young thinkers committed to creating a more inclusive and equal society.

We also extend our gratitude to Dr. Kalpana Vaidya for her invaluable role as a judge and for her expertise in gender studies, which greatly enhanced the quality of this competition.

Dr. Ashwini Kulkarni

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